

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 124-139, 141-185, and 187-235 are pending in the application. Claims 124, 125, 127-133-136, 138, 141, 142, 144-148, 152-162, 164-166, 168-171, 173-182, 184, 187, 188, 190-194, 198-208, 210-212, 214-218, 220-223, 226, 227, and 230-235 are amended herein.

Withdrawal of Restriction Requirement

The Applicant notes that, although the Examiner agreed to rejoin non-elected claims and did, in fact, do so in the 7/11/08 Supplemental Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner did not explicitly state that the restriction requirement had been withdrawn, as required by MPEP §821.04, which states that "[t]he requirement for restriction between the rejoined inventions must be withdrawn." Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner formally state in the record that the restriction requirement has been withdrawn.

Claim Amendments

A Supplemental Examiner's Amendment was mailed on 7/11/08, and an Examiner's Amendment was mailed on 7/28/08 with a Notice of Allowance. Based on discussions between the Applicant's attorney Kevin Drucker and the Examiner, it is the Applicant's understanding that these two examiner's amendments were inadvertently mailed out of order by the USPTO, even though the Examiner submitted them for processing in the correct order. In other words, the 7/28/08 Examiner's Amendment should have been mailed first, and then the 7/11/08 Supplemental Examiner's Amendment should have been mailed. Therefore, the amendments made herein are responsive to the 7/11/08 Supplemental Examiner's Amendment, and the claim listing provided herein is based on the claims as amended in the 7/11/08 Supplemental Examiner's Amendment.

Although the 7/28/08 Examiner's Amendment and the 7/11/08 Supplemental Examiner's Amendment both correctly state that authorization for these examiner's amendments was given in a telephone conversation with the Applicant's attorney on 6/6/08, the claims in these examiner's amendments do not correctly and completely reflect that which was agreed between the Applicant's attorney and the Examiner.

Accordingly, the claims are amended herein so that the claims now conform with the prior discussions and agreements between the Applicant's attorney and the Examiner, as well as to correct various inconsistencies, typographical errors, and antecedent basis issues arising from the claim amendments made in the 7/11/08 Supplemental Examiner's Amendment.

Lastly, to ensure that the claims constitute statutory subject matter in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §101, the independent claims are all amended herein to clarify that an instruction from a purchaser is received "via a first communications device" and that an instruction from a recipient is received "via a second communications device."

Respectfully submitted,

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